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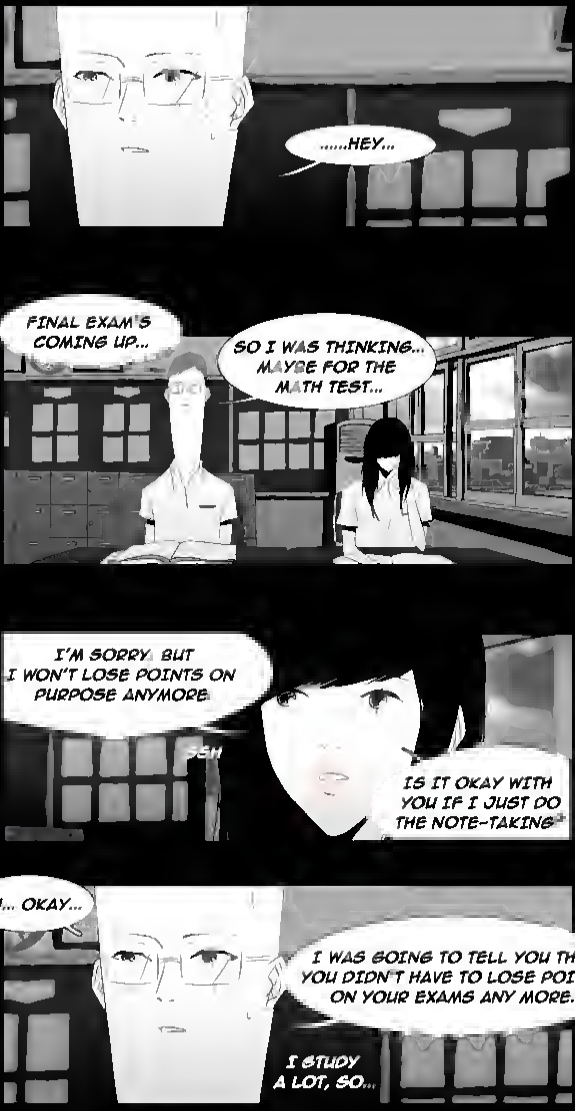
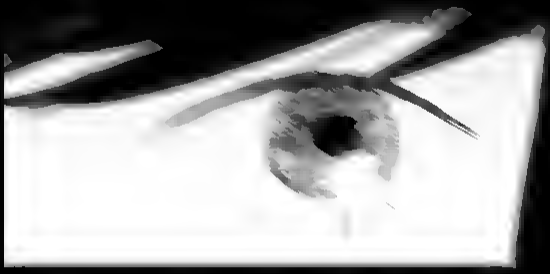

.....HEY...
FINAL EXAM'S COMING UP...
SO I WAS THINKING... MAYBE FOR THE MATH TEST...
I'M SORRY. BUT I WON'T LOSE POINTS ON PURPOSE ANYMORE.
PSH
IS IT OKAY WITH YOU IF I JUST DO THE NOTE-TAKING?
OH... OKAY...
I WAS GOING TO TELL YOU THAT YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO LOSE POINTS ON YOUR EXAMS ANY MORE...
I STUDY A LOT, SO...



..BECAUSE I LIKE YOU..

"L" SAID

THAT HE LIKES ME...

BUT THE WORDS FELT DIFFERENT

FROM THE FEELING

YOU GET FROM "LOVE" IN A ROMANTIC WAY.

IT SOUNDED MORE LIKE THE FEELING YOU GET

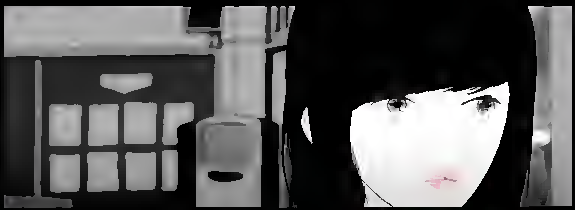
FROM A CHILD SAYING "I LIKE YOU" TO HIS PARENTS.

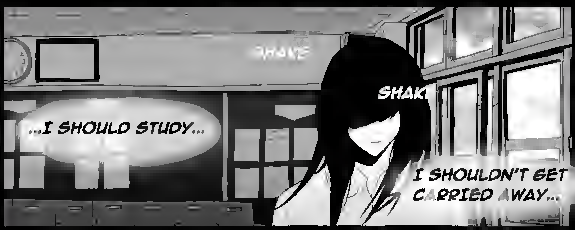
THAT' S HOW I FELT.

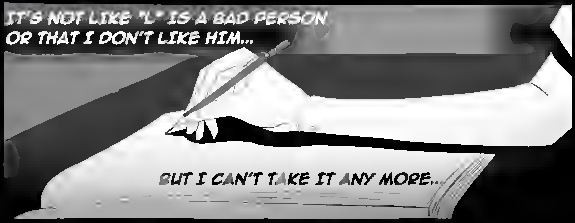
CHILDREN HAVE THEIR OWN LANGUAGE.

I'VE FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT IT A LONG TIME AGO...

BUT IT SEEMS THAT "L" STILL SPEAKS THAT LANGUAGE.




SHAKE
...I SHOULD STUDY...
SHAK!
I SHOULDN'T GET CARRIED AWAY...


IT'S NOT LIKE "L" IS A BAD PERSON OR THAT I DON'T LIKE HIM...
BUT I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE...

I'M SORRY.

OH. BY THE WAY. DO YOU STILL LEARN MAGIC?
I COINCIDENTLY SAW YOU AT THE TENT BEFORE...

ACTUALLY... I SORT OF GOT INTERESTED IN MAGIC LATELY...
NO, NOT ANY MORE.
STARTLED
FINAL EXAMS ARE COMING UP SOON...
I SHOULD STUDY FOR THAT.
OF COURSE... WE SHOULD STUDY...
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY... HAHA...

SSH
WHAT? SHE'S NOT LEARNING MAGIC ANYMORE???
PIT-A-PAT
-A-PAT
IS THIS... A GOOD THING?
OF COURSE, IT'S A GOOD THING!!! THAT MEANS AI AND THE MAGICIAN WON'T BE SEEING EACH OTHER ANYMORE!
PIT-A-PAT
BESIDES, I CAN GO LEARN MAGIC ANY TIME I WANT!!
SHE WON'T BE SEEING ME LEARNING MAGIC OVER THERE!
AND LATER ON, I CAN SURPRISE HER BY SHOWING HER MAGIC AND BY TELLING HER THAT I LIKE HER!!
PIT-A-PAT

PIT-A-PAT
I WANT TO LEAR
MAGIC QUICK.
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#16 <FALLING APART>

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
LET'S GO SEE A DOCTOR, PLEASE
LET'S GO TO THE HOSPITAL
DON'T MAKE A FUSS.
MY LIFE AS A PARROT IS OVER. THAT'S ALL IT IS!
IT'S TIME...

.....NO!!!
DON'T LEAVE ME!!!
.....
.....HEY...!!!

HEY~
I'M BACK~!!!
SSH
YOU HAVE TO TEACH ME MAGIC TODAY~ DEAL?
WIPE
MISTER MAGICIAN!!!
MY GOSH!!
CROWD
SHOW US MAGIC~!!!

MISTER, I BROUGHT MY FRIENDS TODAY!!
HEY, THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS REAL MAGIC!!
NO WAY! THIS MAGICIAN IS DIFFERENT. HE DOES REAL MAGIC~!!
WHO ARE ALL THESE LITTLE KIDS?
I CAME HERE FIRST.

TURN

I'M SORRY. I'M NOT FEELING WELL TODAY...
I'LL SHOW YOU NEXT TIME...

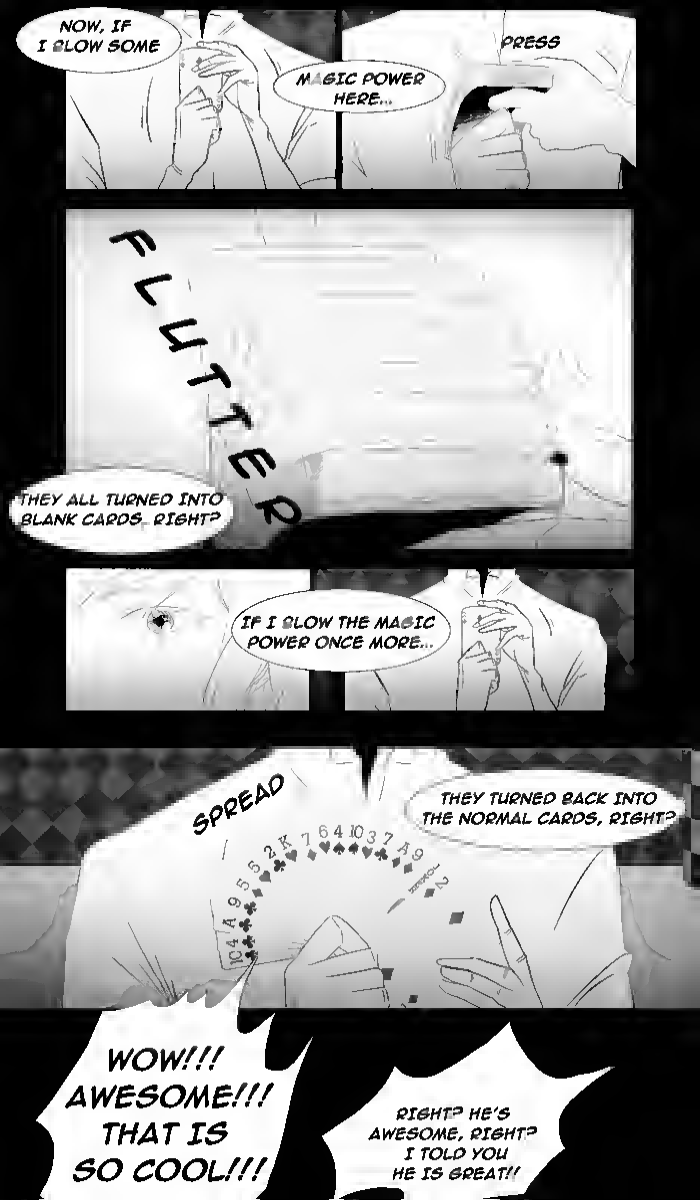
WHAT? NO... COME ON... I EVEN BROUGHT FRIENDS ALONG ALL THE WAY HERE!! PLEASE~!!
OOOW~ NO MAGIC...?
JUST ONE TIME!! PLEASE!!
PLEASE?
PLEASE?
PLEASE?
PLEASE?
PLEASE?
.....

COME CLOSER
SSH
JUST ONE, OKAY?
HURRAY~!!
PITAPATA

...PHT/ WHAT IS THIS...?!/ HE IGNORES EVERYTHING I SAY...
BUT HE'S NICE TO ALL THE KIDS?

TAP

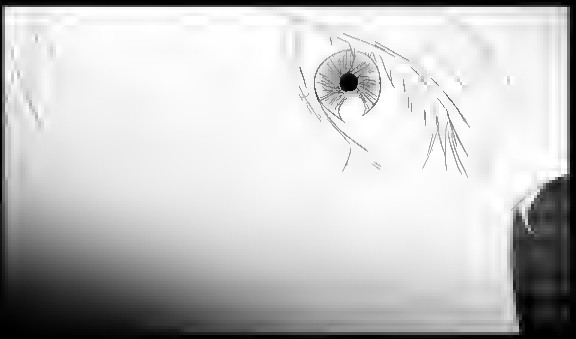
SPREAD
WELL... SEE ALL OF THESE CARDS?


NOW, IF I BLOW SOME
MAGIC POWER HERE...
PRESS
FLUTTER
THEY ALL TURNED INTO BLANK CARDS, RIGHT?
IF I BLOW THE MAGIC POWER ONCE MORE...
SPREAD
THEY TURNED BACK INTO THE NORMAL CARDS, RIGHT?
WOW!!! AWESOME!!! THAT IS SO COOL!!!
RIGHT? HE'S AWESOME, RIGHT? I TOLD YOU HE IS GREAT!!

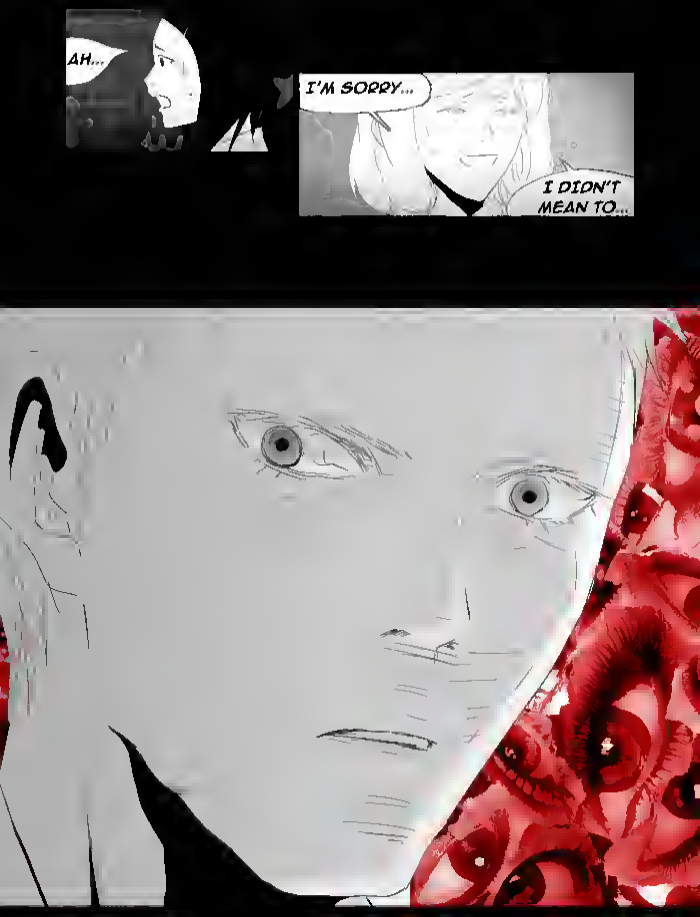
SHOW US ONE MORE MAGIC!! PLEASE~ JUST ONE MORE!!
I CAN'T... YOU SHOULD LEAVE NOW.
I'LL SHOW YOU MORE INTERESTING MAGIC THE NEXT TIME YOU COME...
OKAY!!
IT'S REALLY AWESOME!
PITAPATA
SEE? I TOLD YOU HE'S A REAL MAGICIAN!
SNEAK
OH, THAT WAS REALLY UNBELIEVABLE HOW DID HE DO THAT?
SSH
THERE SHOULD DEFINITELY BE SOME KIND OF TRICK

HEY, DON'T TOUCH THAT!!!
THUD
AHH!

SCATTER



HA HA HA HA HA!!
LOOK AT THAT!! HE'S A FRAUD!!!
SEE!" I TOLD YOU THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A REAL MAGICIAN!!
YOU'RE ALL STUPID!!
I KNEW IT!!
W...WHAT...?!!!!
THERE WERE BLANK CARDS AMONG THE REAL ONES?
THAT'S SO DISAPPOINTING...


AH...
I'M SORRY...
I DIDN'T MEAN TO...

AAARGH
CLENCH
KRCH

THERE'S A MAGICIAN

WHO WANDERS AROUND
THE AMUSEMENT PARK...

...OH, I HEARD ABOUT HIM...

...AND ALSO THAT HE'S CRAZY..